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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 31
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-30-12

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 31 modifies Emergency Order No. 2S-20-12, issued on July 22, 2012, which reduced legal gear to one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012.

Beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012, until further notice, legal gear for that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District, south of the Susitna River, will be limited to no more than two set gillnets per permit, with either net measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length. Legal gear in the remainder of the Northern District will be limited to no more than one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, until further notice.

Susitna River sockeye salmon were found by the Board of Fisheries to be a stock of yield concern. An action plan was developed to conservatively manage the commercial fishery while research continues to better understand the productivity of this stock. Current regulations require the Northern District set gillnet fishery to fish with no more than one set gillnet per permit from July 20 through August 6, except that from July 31 through August 6, the commissioner may allow the use of two nets in that portion of the General Subdistrict south of the Susitna River. This commercial fishing announcement allows for two nets per permit to be used in the area just described.